



**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 15 June 2022
in the Council Chamber**

Members Present: Councillor C Pender (Deputy Mayor), Councillors A Connolly, N Connolly, K Duffy, S Doyle, N Heavey, F McLoughlin Healy, P O'Dwyer, T O'Dwyer and M Stafford.

Apologies: Councillor R Power

Officials Present: Mr J Boland (District Manager), Mr S Deegan, Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineers), Ms B Cuddy (District Engineer), Ms L Kennedy (LPT Co-Ordinator), Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr M McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr O Brady (Administrative Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator), Mr S Higgins (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended. There were no declarations of interest.

KN02/0622

Minutes and Progress Report

To approve the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 18 May 2022, and to note the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Noel Connolly, seconded by Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer and agreed by the members, with Councillor McLoughlin Healy abstaining, that the



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minutes of the monthly meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District held on 18 May 2022 be adopted and the progress report noted.

May minutes had incorrectly stated that apologies had been received from Councillor Pender and Councillor N Connolly when both were in attendance. This had been amended prior to the meeting.

KN03/0622

Reverse the Changes Deputation

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Patrick Collins, Glen Healy and Mairead Prendergast of the Reverse the Changes group to the meeting.

Mr Healy thanked the members for the invitation to attend the meeting and following a presentation by Ms Prendergast, informed the members as follows:

- There would be support given to cycle lanes when they were carried out correctly.
- The implementation of the new cycle lanes/parklets had made the Newbridge Main Street less safe and less accessible to those with disabilities, mobility issues and parents with young children.
- The new cycle lanes/parklets had caused an increase in congestion and vehicle emissions on the main street. It could take up to five minutes to fill a bus and this occurred three times an hour.
- There was very little advertisement for the cycle lanes that were introduced. There had only been eight submissions on this scheme. 1,500 signatures have been collected on a petition opposing the cycle lanes.
- Both businesses and cyclists were unhappy with the current setup.
- The permanent cycle lane scheme which was planned for Newbridge must consider the reality that the main street was too narrow for cycle lanes on both sides of the street.
- As an alternative Military Road could be considered for the cycle path planned from the Curragh Roundabout to Naas. This in conjunction with a cycle lane loop from the Riverbank to Dunnes Stores connecting to the new Curragh Roundabout to Naas cycle path could be a suitable alternative.



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- Consideration could also be given to adding cycle lanes onto the footpath of the main street where there was a path with suitable width. This would allow the road more room and solve the problem for disabled drivers.

The following points were made by the members:

- How representative of the people of Newbridge was this deputation and what demographic were they representing?
- Were the cycle lanes considerably affecting the traffic on the main street?
- Was the new parking scheme easier to manoeuvre?
- There were some wide footpaths in Newbridge that cycle lanes could be considered
- Was the positioning of the cycle lanes the only issue for the deputation?

The following responses were made by the Reverse the Changes group:

- They were attending on behalf of the residents of the whole town. A huge number of people do not understand the current layout of the cycle lanes.
- The ability to park on the main street, especially parallel parking, caused major disruptions and at times stopped two lanes of traffic flowing.
- Cycle lanes would work in some parts of the town where the footpaths were wide enough.

The Chair thanked the group for coming in and giving their presentation and wished them well in the future.

KN04/0622

Municipal District Road Works

Ms Cuddy advised the members of the following works:

Road Resurfacing Works

Road resurfacing works have commenced at the following locations

- R413 Brannockstown
- Ardenode
- Standhouse road
- R445 Kildare to Curragh
- R445 Mooretown
- Ellistown road



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Road Maintenance

Surface dressing program will commence in Kildare-Newbridge in the coming weeks

- Quinsborough
- Wheelam Cross
- Brownstown to Ballysax
- Athgarvan to Rosetown
- Gormanstown to Grange Beg

LPT

Cutlery Road – is now complete

Map of the rural roads was issued to councillors last week and tenders were released on 07 June with a view to being on site early July.

Miscellaneous Works

Newbridge area: Drainage works in Clongorey. Allen cross, Preparation of surface dressing roads including verge trimming, drainage, and patching.

Newbridge Town

Upgrade to Moorefield junction, installed new fence for improved visibility, upgraded drainage on both curragh side and Moorefield side of the road.

Road repairs at Liffeyhall, Station Road, BlackBerry lane, Walshestown. Footpaths repairs Belmont Green and The Oaks.

Kildare/Rathangan Area

Preparation of surface dressing roads including verge trimming, drainage and patching. Footpath upgrades Tougher grove.

Kilcullen Area

Pothole repairs, water cuts, cleaning signs, gully cleaning, preparation of surface dressing roads including verge trimming, drainage and patching.



KN05/0622

Date and Venue for the Annual Meeting

In accordance with Standing Order No 2, a report to the members proposed that the Annual Meeting of the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District Committee take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 20 July in the Council Chamber. It was also proposed to suspend Standing Order No 1 for the July ordinary monthly meeting, to enable it to commence at 10.30am. The members agreed.

Resolved with the agreement of the members present that the Annual Meeting of the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District would take place in the Council Chamber at 10.00am on 20 July and that standing order no 1 be suspended to allow the monthly meeting commence at 10.30am.

KN06/0622

LPT Nominations for 2022

Councillor Mark Stafford advised that there was another nomination to be considered that had not been included in the table provided and proposed to allocate €5,000 to Ardscoil Rathangan towards the construction of a new AstroTurf pitch.

Councillor Heavey seconded the proposal, and it was agreed by the members present.

The members considered the following items for LPT Nominations for 2022:

LPT Members Nominations June Meeting					
Councillor	Name of Community Group/Project	LPT Allocation amount	Name of community group to be paid	Brief description of work/project	Section
Cllr T. O'Dwyer	Old Kilcullen Area Community	€1,968	Old Kilcullen Area Community	Defibrillator	Community
Cllr T. O'Dwyer	Old Kilcullen Area Community	€1,000	Old Kilcullen Area Community	Annual picnic on the green	Community
Cllr P. O'Dwyer	Newbridge Access Group	€1,500	Newbridge Access Group	For the addition of benches in St Conleths Cemetery, Newbridge	Community
Cllr N. Connolly	Monasterevin Racing Pigeon Club	€500.00	Monasterevin Racing Pigeon Club	For the provision of a shed	Community
Cllr N. Connolly	Kildare Sports Partnership & Road Safety Of	€3,000.00	Kildare Sports Partnership & Road Safety Officer	To progress the provision of trishaws for use by older people and people of different abilities	Community & Roads
Cllr A. Connolly	Ardscoil Rath Iomaghain	€5,000.00	Ardscoil Rath Iomaghain	Towards the provision of an astro turf pitch for the school	Community



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer and agreed by the members present, the LPT nominations for 2022 as outlined were approved.

The Chair stated he proposed to group a number of similar agenda items together to aid the efficiency of the meeting. The proposed order was that items 12, 13 and 28 be grouped together, item 26 be taken while the representative of the Corporate Services Department was available, items 29 and 31 be taken together and item 30 be taken after item 23. The members agreed.

KN07/0622

Taking in Charge of Barretstown Meadows (Phase 2), Newbridge

The members considered the taking in charge of Barretstown Meadows (Phase 2), Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Pender and agreed by all the members, the taking in charge of Barretstown Meadows (Phase 2), Newbridge, Co. Kildare was approved.

KN08/0622

Taking in Charge Process of the Newbridge Business Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer. That the council delay the taking in charge process of the Newbridge Business Park, R447 Link Road until mitigating measures are installed by present owners to prevent encampments occurring.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 provides for the taking in charge of a road by the council. To date, no request has been received to have this road taken in charge. Should a request be received, the appropriate process will be undertaken.



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Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer sought clarification on Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and asked what the council's plan for this link road was. Mr Deegan explained that Section 11 of the Roads Act allowed the council to declare a road a public road. He also advised that the council were in conversation with the landowners regarding the taking in charge of the link road. Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer asked if there were any measures that could be included to prevent encampments occurring. Mr Deegan advised that this was done on other orbital roads and the council could consider how best to manage but he noted that the council do not encourage the use of bollards.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

KN09/0622

Speed and Traffic Volume Survey at Lumville Junction

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer. That the council carry out a speed and traffic volume survey at Lumville Junction for the purpose of collecting data that may indicate this junction should be included for consideration on the major junctions list for assessment of need.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Lumville Junction is not on the current list of 10 junctions being considered for detailed design under the current junction programme. The criteria for inclusion in Phase 1 are twofold. One being a Location of Interest (LOI) identified during the Department of Transport Support Office - Regional Road National Safety Analysis i.e. collision data. The second criteria requires that a junction improvement has been identified as part of a Planning Application and funding is being provided to Kildare County Council through Roads Contributions. The Lumville Junction does not fall into these categories. The initial junctions to be delivered in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District are Thompsons Cross and Newhall Junction. It is not planned at this point to carry out a speed and traffic survey at this location.



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Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer noted that the Lumville Junction was quite an old system and there were technical and traffic issues at the location and asked if the junction could be included in next year's plans.

Mr S Deegan advised that it was not currently a location of interest, and this was reflected in the report. He did note that it would be included in the second tranche of works.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

KN10/0622

Traffic Calming Measures on the R417 at Kildangan Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Noel Connolly. That Comhairle Contae Chill Dara install traffic calming measures including flashing speed indicators on the R417 at Kildangan Village.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Noel Connolly and seconded by Councillor Duffy.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that further to discussions with Athy Municipal District, there are a number of signs and road markings outlining the junction ahead and advising traffic to slow down. This area is also within the 50km/hr speed limit. There are no plans at present to carry out additional traffic calming until the speed limit review is finalised. The provision of driver feed-back signs shall be considered following the adoption of the county speed limits review.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Noel Connolly and seconded by Councillor Duffy the report was noted.

KN11/0622

Traffic Calming Measures/Interactive Speed Signs at Ellistown GAA Grounds

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Anne Connolly. That the council put in place traffic calming measures/interactive speed signs on approach to Ellistown GAA Grounds.



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The motion was proposed by Councillor Anne Connolly and seconded by Councillor Noel Connolly.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that works to portions of this road are included in the Restoration Improvement Works 2022. Subject to funding, it is planned to continue these works in 2023 to the front of the GAA field and beyond. These works will include upgrading of line marking and slow markings. The location can be assessed following local improvement works to determine whether driver feedback signs are warranted.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Anne Connolly and seconded by Councillor Noel Connolly, the report was noted.

KN12/0622

Footpath from Newtown Cross to Cluain Aileann Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Anne Connolly. That the council include a footpath from Newtown Cross to Cluain Aileann Estate, Newtown, Kildare on its work schedule for 2023.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Anne Connolly and seconded by Councillor Stafford.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office agree to include this location for consideration as part of the 2023 program subject to available funding.

Councillor Anne Connolly hoped that this would be included on the 2023 program and noted it would be positive for the footpath to link the town to the local National School.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Anne Connolly and seconded by Councillor Stafford the report was noted.

KN13/0622

The following items 12, 13 and 28 on the agenda were taken together.

Item 12:



Linkage between Liffey Linear Park and the New Belin Woods

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Pender.

That the council explain the decision-making process around the changes made to the linkage between Liffey Linear Park and the New Belin Woods development and commit to engaging with relevant community stakeholders to ensure the best possible outcome for the community.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Pender and seconded by Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that A site meeting was held between Kildare County Council Roads/Parks/Municipal District Office and the developer, Glenveagh Homes, on Wednesday 01 June 2022 to discuss the construction of a direct link from the Belin Woods Development to the Liffey Linear Park.

The creation of a direct link through the Liffey bank was discussed and considered to be extremely difficult for the following reasons:

- Major civil works will be required
- Removal of semi mature trees and hedging along the road will be required
- It may also be necessary to completely strip the riverbank
- Major civil works to stabilise the bank to support any kind of a link would also be necessary.
- Piling, cantilever construction, retaining walls and the removal of a substantial amount of vegetation alongside measures to deal with environmental issues with the River Liffey may also be required.

The members will be informed of progress. However, it is very clear that a substantial amount of vegetation and trees may have to be removed, with possible impacts on the riparian zone to enable the construction of the link.



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The design of the toucan crossings and additional works on the Athgarvan Road have been agreed with the Kildare County Council Roads Planning and Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Sections which will help to provide safe facilities for vulnerable roads users (pedestrians and cyclists) in the Belin Wood Development and for locals at this location. The toucan crossings and additional works on the Athgarvan Road are not an alternative to the riverside pathway and direct link on the Linear Park.

Glenveagh Homes have agreed to examine the design of this link in more detail and additional surveys are now in the process of being carried out to assist in the design process. A landscaping plan is also proposed to mitigate against the removal of vegetation and trees at this location. Glenveagh will engage directly with the Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section on the design of this link and the outcome of the surveys being carried out.

Councillor Pender stated there had been an excellent public meeting held in Newbridge Town Hall recently regarding this issue. He advised that he had previously submitted a question at a municipal district meeting and had received a report which stated that there were “no changes to the plan” for this area but that he had heard concerning news from the local residents, that the plans had changed. He sought clarification on how he had received two conflicting reports on the matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Pender and seconded by Councillor Tracey O’Dwyer that the report be noted.

Item 13:

Link to Liffey Linear Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heavey. That the council ensures that the Linear Park associated with SHD Belin Woods Development be linked to existing Liffey Linear Park by a pedestrian path as per the original grant of planning permission for SHD Kilbelin Newbridge, thus preventing pedestrians out walking the banks of the Liffey to have to twice cross the busy Athgarvan Road.



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The motion was proposed by Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy.

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The design of the toucan crossings and additional works on the Athgarvan Road have been agreed with the Kildare County Council Roads Planning and Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Sections which will help to provide safe facilities for vulnerable roads users (pedestrians and cyclists) in the Belin Wood Development and for locals at this location. The toucan crossings and additional works on the Athgarvan Road are not an alternative to the riverside pathway and direct link on the Linear Park.



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Councillor Heavey said that it was disingenuous towards the members that they had not been advised following the council being in contact with Glenveagh Homes and noted this had all been raised at the public meeting which had been mentioned previously.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy, the report was noted.

Item 28:

Pedestrian Link between the Linear Park and Belin Woods

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer. That the council ensure that the original pedestrian link between the Linear Park and Belin Woods on the river Liffey side remains a planning requirement as part of the original planning permission granted.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Noel Connolly.

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The members will be informed of progress. However, it is very clear that a substantial amount of vegetation and trees may have to be removed, with possible impacts on the riparian zone to enable the construction of the link.

The design of the toucan crossings and additional works on the Athgarvan Road have been agreed with the Kildare County Council Roads Planning and Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Sections which will help to provide safe facilities for vulnerable roads users (pedestrians and cyclists) in the Belin Wood Development and for locals at this location. The toucan crossings and additional works on the Athgarvan Road are not an alternative to the riverside pathway and direct link on the Linear Park.

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Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer advised that the Community Development Forum alerted her of the changes to the original plan and she hoped that a compromise could be reached for the pedestrian link between the Linear Park and Belin Woods.

The following points were also raised by the members:



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- It was disappointing that the members had received information in relation to negotiations on proposed changes via the public and not from the council as councillors were elected to work alongside the executive and should be kept advised.
- The path or link between the Linear Park and Belin Woods needed to happen as a sustainable method of movement.
- A representative of Glenveagh Homes was at the public meeting, and a member of the council should also have been present.
- The change to the link between the Linear Park and Belin Woods was a departure from the original planning permission.
- Could the cost of changing the link between the Linear Park and Belin Woods be provided?
- The council had very experienced engineers that should be able to provide an alternative.
- Clarification sought around the issue of flooding, due to the proximity to the Liffey River.

Mr Deegan responded with the following points:

- Regrettably he had not been able to attend the public meeting on the date in question, and he was happy to arrange a meeting onsite if needed.
- The original planning permission had been granted by An Bord Pleanála in 2018 and Glenveagh had bought the development from the original applicant.
- Infrastructure development was still in Phase 1 and the planning authority and Glenveagh Homes were working towards finding a solution and were preparing reports on same. It was not possible to cost any such works until the reports were submitted and reviewed.
- The works for the link between the Linear Park and Belin Woods had to have regard to the potential for flooding and the road adjacent to it, and no works on the proposed path would be undertaken that would undermine the road.

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Item 26 on the agenda was taken next.



Item 26:

Copy of Instruction to Valuer

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. That the council provide a copy of the instruction it references when it stated to RTE that it instructed its valuer to not include the ransom strip value of the public land at Athgarvan, clarifying whether the following brief provided to the council's valuer is the instruction it is referencing:

The Valuation should provide for the following elements:

The cost of the new road that KCC have to build (circa €115k) This is included in our contract so we can't let the owners build this for us.

The Value of KCC's 8 units that we have now lost as a result of the developer's development. I've attached the original site map which shows the eight units.

The Value attached to the fact that the developer could not develop his site without KCC's access to the site.

The value attached to the KCC element now included in the developer's planning permission (3 sites)

The motion was proposed by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and seconded by Councillor Pender.

A report was received from the Housing and Corporate Services Department informing the members that the following is an extract from the response to RTE on foot of their request for information from Kildare County Council in advance of the RTE Investigates programme as referenced in Councillor McLoughlin Healy's motion:

"Reference to "Ransom Strip"

Chapter 17 of Kildare County Council's County Development Plan 2017-2023 ref 17.2.8 relates to access to land and states "Development should be designed in such fashion that it will not prejudice the provision of vehicular or pedestrian access, or key infrastructural services in adjoining lands. Development should also be designed so as to ensure "ransom strips" will not inhibit future development". Having regard to this section of the Development



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Plan, the valuation of the land as sought by Kildare County Council, did not have regard to a potential ransom strip and was valued accordingly.

The land, having been zoned for residential development on foot of a decision of the elected members of Kildare County Council, and having the benefit of a grant of planning permission [PI Ref 19/117 and 19/118 refers] and the council being the owner of a means of providing “vehicular or pedestrian access, or key infrastructural services” to these adjoining lands could not regard the land in sale, or any right to use any future road which provides access to the development lands, as representing a ransom strip in direct conflict with a provision in the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023.”

A copy of the written instruction to the valuer, in relation to the valuation of these lands, is attached for the information of the elected members and is referenced in the councillor’s motion. The written instruction to value the land was communicated by the former Administrative Officer in the Housing Department at the request of the Senior Architect. Section 17.2.8 of the County Development Plan was discussed with the valuer by the Senior Architect after the brief was issued to the valuer and before the valuation was prepared and issued to the council.

The rationale for not valuing the land having regard to ransom strip value is not based on instruction to the valuer, it is based on the fact that it would be contrary to an objective of the current County Development Plan.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy stated she was seeking the views of the members on the matter noting that Kildare County Council had received a very lengthy legal advice on the matter and why the councillors did not have access to this written brief. She stated the land could not be accessed by the developer without this strip of land, and that 8 housing units had been lost in the process and asked how this had been accounted for. She also asked why the Minister was not notified in advance of the disposal given the requirements of Section 211 of the Act; which states that such consent would be required in cases where the price obtained for the disposal is not considered to be the best reasonably obtainable.



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Cllr Stafford sought clarification why the land was not considered to be a ransom strip, and for confirmation that the ransom strip was not included in the brief to the valuer.

Ms Aspell advised that the council does not consider the land to be a ransom strip. She noted that a Section 183 disposal of land had been approved in November 2020 and that the council was adhering to its County Development Plan requirement. She noted that the valuer was greatly experienced, and it was unnecessary to remind them of the objectives of the County Development Plan and that the land was not valued as a ransom strip.

Ms Aspell noted that the members had zoned the land for housing, and that there had been no issue from the Minister regarding this piece of land.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McLoughlin Healy and seconded by Councillor Pender, the report was noted.

Item 29 on the agenda was taken next.

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Item 29:

Ownership of Liffey Linear Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. That the council clarify who owns Liffey Linear Park or any part of it, and the adjacent lands including full and transparent disclosure of any discussions had or permissions that would be required from owner/s for future development in the area including but not exclusive to the planned board walk, and the clarification of what service or other access could be needed through Ryston or Liffey Linear park for development on local land including the currently zoned amenity land.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer.



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A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the lands from the Bridge to the Strand are unregistered.

- The lands known as the Strand within the park are registered to Aston Limited.
- The lands forming the embankment/towpath from the strand to the Gables B&B are registered to Denise Harris.
- The lands along the boundary of the Gables are owned by the William Cribbon Limited.
- The lands from the Gables B&B Car park to the Glenveagh site are registered to Glenveagh Homes.

Our legal advisors are currently researching any potential ownership of the unregistered lands with a view to Kildare County Council registering the lands. Through the planning process we sought access to the park through the Ryston Lands by the applicant. However this was deemed unsatisfactory to the applicant. Additionally, the council have also sought transfer of the lands zoned amenity and recreation which form part of the park and which are registered to the applicant. Regarding the lands owned by The Gables B&B our legal advisors are currently working on the transfer of these lands.

The lands on north side of the Liffey adjacent to the strand area of the park are registered to Aston Limited who are currently applying for a Strategic Housing Development on some of these lands. The Parks Section were involved in Planning meetings related to the application.

In relation to the boardwalk the Parks Section had previous discussions with Ardstone Homes at the SHD stage who are the previous owners of the Kilbelin site. This is currently being developed by Glenveagh. Following highlighting of the current issue regarding the linear connection to the Glenveagh site we had discussions with Glenveagh and our Roads Department regarding the original intentions to provide a linear connection.

Following a lengthy discussion, Councillor McLoughlin Healy sought clarification on the following points:

- Could a map be provided for the relevant areas which clearly identified the owners?
- There was mention of lands registered to Aston Limited, when were these registered?



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- Who was the applicant when lands were zoned as amenity and recreation, did they own Ryston and did they have control of the access to the lands?

Mr Wallace advised that he could provide the map requested and the details of the applicant. He also noted that there was a live planning application with respect to the Ryston lands thus it was not appropriate to discuss the matter further.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McLoughlin Healy and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

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Item 31 on the agenda was taken next.

Item 31:

Authority to Change an Element of a Plan

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. Can the council clarify who has the authority to change any element of a plan for which planning permission has been given such as the new pedestrian path along the riverside between the Gables and Coxes House (Kilbelin House) included as part of the application for Belin Woods, and on what grounds any deviation from what is proposed and approved can be made?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that a material change to a planning permission can only be made by means of a further planning permission. In respect of the case cited above, compliance has not been agreed as yet between the Developer and the Planning Authority and will be determined once all completed documentation has been received. The report was noted.

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The Chair proposed to suspend Standing Orders for 10 minutes to facilitate a short break. This was agreed by the members.



Item 14:

Weeding Schedule on Public Footpaths

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Pender.
That the council develop and engage in a weeding schedule on public footpaths in Newbridge Town Centre including but not limited to Main Street and Eyre Street.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Pender and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office are currently working with a new herbicide and pesticide free solution which is being rolled out across Newbridge Town.

The members raised the following points:

- There had been a number of requests by residents on Eyre Street in Newbridge that there were overgrown weeds and/or trees that needed attention.
- There previously had been a volunteer that did work on George's Street for June Fest.
- Could the council look at the overgrown areas as some had become potential slips, trips and falls hazards.
- Could some sort of incentive or newsletter be issued to premises to encourage them to look after their own area.

The District Engineer advised there was work being carried out on a new machine that would be used to clear the streets and paths of overgrowth and the General Supervisor could look at including signs in the area.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Pender and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer the report was noted.

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Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer proposed that item 28 the Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 for Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street be taken next. This was agreed by all members.



Item 28:

Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 for Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street

To consider the Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 for Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street.

The Chair welcomed the consultant Mr James Hennessy to the meeting who presented the Part 8 for Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street to the elected members, who made a short presentation to the members and asked for any questions that the elected members had.

Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer thanked Mr Hennessy for the presentation and proposed the following amendment to the Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 for Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street:

"That construction on this project cannot commence until such time as sufficient parking has been secured in the immediate vicinity, a detailed design to be agreed with Kilcullen Guards and that a trial period of two months to commence July 1 whereby the square will be closed off to cars 7 days a week, picnic benches installed to test the project's principles and further inform final design decisions."

Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer seconded the amendment.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy did not support the proposed amendment and stated that parking in the area did not equal more business and asked why the amendment was necessary and who would benefit from it, and confirmed she did not support the proposed amendment.

Councillor Duffy said he believed that the proposed amendment could alleviate local concerns and supported the amendment and associated pilot.

Councillor Anne Connolly stated that the vast majority were in favour of the Part 8 in the format which had been presented and noted that parking was an issue everywhere, but that this should not stall the approval of the Part 8.



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The District Manager advised that this item had been ongoing for some time and that it was important for it to progress. He hoped that the parking issue would be resolved subject to final agreement. He noted that there had been extensive discussions regarding this project and input had been received from the Gardaí.

Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer advised that her amendment was to allow time for a solution to be found on the parking issue. She stated it was not to hinder or stop the Part 8 process but that it would bring about a more informed and safeguarded approach. Following the members previous comments, Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer proposed the following updated amendment:

“That construction on this project cannot commence until such time as sufficient parking has been secured in the immediate vicinity, a detailed design to be agreed with Kilcullen Guards”.

Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer seconded this further amendment.

The Chair read the proposed amendment into the record and called for a vote on the proposed amendment. As the vote resulted in a tie as there were four votes in favour, four votes against and one abstention, the Chair had the deciding vote on the proposed amendment and voted against it.

The Chair then called for a vote to approve the Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 for Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street as presented.

Resolved with five members voting in favour, 3 members voting against, and one abstention, the Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 for Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street was approved as presented.

KN19/0622

The Chair proposed to suspend Standing Order for 30 minutes to 1.30pm to complete the business of the meeting. This was agreed by the members.

Item 15:



Traffic Lights Junction in Athgarvan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer. That the council examine the option of widening the road from the traffic lights junction in Athgarvan back towards the wider section on the approach road to Newbridge to eliminate the dangerous pinch point in particular near the Crash Repair centre along this section of road.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an indicative design/Part 8 was carried out some years ago and an estimate of costs was also carried out. Land would have to be acquired, probably by CPO. This scheme did not progress at the time as there was no available funding. Design standards have changed since this Part 8, with DMURS now being in place, therefore an assessment would be required to ascertain if the original Part 8 could be implemented or whether a new Part 8 would be required. This scheme would be further considered, should the members see fit to include it on the 2023/2024 Capital Programme. Failing that there is currently no funding for the project.

The members raised the following points:

- Was there an opportunity to ringfence development levies for this work?
- What land was needed to be purchased?
- Could this be kept on the progress report until an update is received.

Mr Deegan stated that he would look at the Part 8 and come back to the members with an update regarding same.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

KN20/0622

Traffic Calming Measures on the R415 at Dunbyrne



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The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Stafford.

That the council install further traffic calming measures on the R415 at Dunbyrne, Allen in circumstances where single vehicle road traffic accidents continue to occur on the Hill of Allen with regular frequency.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Duffy.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the location in question has a number of sweeping bends on a narrow road. It's a regional road with a speed limit of 80km/hr. The road has cats eyes, a single white line to stop over taking and dashed yellow lines to delineate the verges. There are a number of road signs identifying the bends and asking drivers to slow down. The addition of more signs will just confuse and distract drivers. The Municipal District Office agree to refresh the line marking subject to available funding. The issue here relates to speeding in a lot of cases and should be referred to An Garda Síochána for monitoring and enforcement of the speed limit.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Duffy that the report be noted.

KN21/0622

Cycle Counters on existing or future Cycle Lanes

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Noel Connolly.

Can the council confirm if it has plans to install Cycle Counters

(<https://data.gov.ie/dataset/dublin-city-centre-cycle-counts>) on existing or future Cycle Lanes to encourage buy in to cycling infrastructure?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section is concentrating its resources on implementing the provision of new cycle infrastructure around the county and in the Newbridge-Kildare Municipal District area under the funding stream of the National Transport Authority. New cycle counters will be an integral part of new links. The team is examining existing locations where cycle counters would be appropriate and the associated technology



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options. There is an ongoing maintenance cost associated with all Intelligent Transport Systems infrastructure and this would be a responsibility of the council to fund.

Councillor Connolly sought clarification on the cost of the ongoing maintenance. Mr Hodgins stated that it would depend on the scheme and whether or not equipment was needed to be repaired or replaced.

The report was noted.

KN22/0622

Preparatory Work for the Planning for the Second Bridge for Newbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Pender.

Can the council confirm the status of any preparatory work that has been carried out for the planning for the second bridge for Newbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Newbridge South Orbital Relief Road (NSORR) has been broken down into a number of specific projects:

- From the R445 Naas Newbridge Road to Great Connell the infrastructure is largely complete, and Kildare County Council utilised a developer led approach
- Glenveagh are currently constructing another 250m of the NSORR on the Athgarvan side
- ABP is currently adjudicating on an SHD application by Aston Ltd, which includes delivery of a c.350m portion of the NSORR from Great Connell towards the Liffey.
- The remaining distance to be delivered, to include road ties-ins at each SHD and the second Liffey Crossing is approximately 440m. As this is closely aligned to the Aston SHD, Aston have submitted to ABP that they have commenced the planning process for the Bridge. The Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section can confirm that this is the case. PP2559 refers and the application for the bridge is due in Quarter 3 2022.

Pending the outcome of the ABP process for Aston SHD and the Planning Application for the Bridge, Kildare County Council has paused its own tender process to appoint consultants to the project. Should planning permission be granted for the bridge, the process of identifying funding and employing a contractor to the project will continue.



The report was noted.

KN23/0622

Severe Flooding at the Mile Mill Junction

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer. Can the council confirm if it has been able to identify the cause of the severe flooding at the busy Mile Mill Junction, Kilcullen?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the issue is there are no outlets for surface water in the area, a large drainage scheme is required. This will require the agreement of local landowners. Councillor O'Dwyer asked if contact had been made with the homeowners and said that she could be of assistance in this regard if needed. The District Engineer advised that discussions were being held.

The report was noted.

KN24/0622

Damaged Manholes between McLoughlin's and Brennan's garages

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer. Can the council confirm if there are plans to complete the repair of damaged manholes between McLoughlin's and Brennan's garages where repairs have been carried out on two manholes but where quite a few more are in poor conditions and require attention?

A report was received from the Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that Water Services Area Engineer advises that arrangements are being made to complete repairs to a further 5 no. foul manholes in that area.

The report was noted.

KN25/0622

Monasterevin Cycle Network Part 8 Process

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Duffy.



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Can the council provide an update and timeline for the Monasterevin Cycle Network Part 8 process?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section is working on the Part 8 documentation for this project at present. The screening reports are being prepared and once all design documents and associated reports are reviewed by the NTA, it is expected that the Part 8 process will start immediately. This should occur in either Quarter 3 or Quarter 4 of 2022. The proposals will be circulated to the elected members in advance of starting the consultation process.

The report was noted.

KN26/0622

Review of Pay Parking Regulations

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Stafford.

Can the council confirm if it intends to review its pay parking regulations for the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District in light of the reduction of on-street parking in Newbridge and Kildare and the requirement to replace meters?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department plan to review Parking Bye Laws in the order outlined in the Review Schedule previously circulated to the members. Surveys and preparations have already commenced on a number of towns including Kildare, Newbridge, Monasterevin and Kilcullen. However, due to a number of projects, (some of which are temporary) including Active Travel and Public Realm projects, these reviews have been temporarily placed on hold until such a time as these projects are finalised as they will impact on the Parking Bye-Laws. It should also be noted that the Parking Framework Document is currently under review by the Transportation SPC which may also impact the review of Parking Bye Laws.

Councillor Stafford sought clarification on whether a reduction in spaces and faulty parking meters could trigger a review. He also asked who was responsible for the maintenance of



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meters. Mr Hodgins stated he would seek clarification from the Pay Parking team on the issues raised.

The report was noted.

KN24/0622

Contractor Hedge and Verge Cutting

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Stafford.

Can the council confirm how many days a year a contractor is engaged in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District for the purposes of cutting hedges and verges?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there are two contractors awarded the contract through Supply Gov – Contractor A completed 30 weeks hedge cutting in 2021 and Contractor B (Kilcullen Area) completed 11 weeks of hedge cutting.

Councillor Stafford asked if council staff would assist as flagmen during these works? Would they assist private contractors? The District Engineer advised that at least two flagmen would assist with the council's planned hedge cutting as stop go men. She noted that private contractors shouldn't do hedge cutting without flag men due to Health and Safety. The report was noted.

KN25/0622

Item 30 on the agenda was taken next.

Item 30:

Costings of the Parklets and Cycle Lanes for Newbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Pender.

Can the council provide an itemised breakdown of the costings of the parklets and cycle lanes for Newbridge in tabular format including but not limited to Benches, Planters, Planting, Road Markings etc?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the cost of the bollards and road markings for the temporary



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cycle track was approximately €25,000 + VAT. The cost of the buildouts, kerbing, planters, seating and cycle parking was approximately €116,000 + VAT.

The report was noted.

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Item 24 on the agenda was taken next.

Item 24:

Civic Reception for the Lajee Cultural Tour Group of Children and Young Adults

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Noel Connolly.

That the municipal district host a civic reception for the Lajee Cultural Tour Group of Children and Young Adults (<https://m.facebook.com/lajee.cultural.tour.ireland/>) in Newbridge Town Hall on the morning of Saturday September 17th, and fly the Palestinian flag at the venue to mark the event.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Noel Connolly and seconded by Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer.

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members to please see attached Ceremonial Functions and Civic Honours policy updated in July 2015 to include references to Municipal Districts. As you may be aware this policy is being reviewed by the Protocol and Procedure Committee at present and recommendations will be made to full council on any changes and additions to the policy in due course. If members agree a function in accordance with the policy, it should be noted that funding needs to be provided at municipal district level in order to meet the costs of the event. There has been no provision made for municipal district functions in budget 2022.

On the question of flying a flag at the venue the Flags policy would apply. Please see attached. Section 5 relates to requests to fly flags not listed in the policy and an application must be made in this regard as set out in the policy.

Councillor Connolly outlined the intent of his motion and sought the members support to the event as outlined and proposed to allocate some of his LPT to fund the event if the motion



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was passed. Councillor Peggy Dwyer and Councillor Noel Heavey both stated they would be happy to pledge LPT funding to the event also.

Following a lengthy discussion, the members considered a proposed amendment by Councillor Heavey to exclude the word “civic” from the motion.

Councillor Stafford seconded the proposed amendment.

The Chair put the amendment to the floor.

Resolved with four members voting for the amendment, four members voting against the amendment and with one abstention, the Chair confirmed it was a tie and used his casting vote as Chair to reject the amendment, the amendment fell.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy proposed that the motion as originally submitted be moved.

Councillor Noel Connolly seconded this proposal.

Councillor Stafford stated that as there was not full agreement on the motion, it should be referred to the Protocol Committee for consideration in accordance with the 2015 policy a copy of which had been circulated, and that the flag flying request would be dealt with under the Flag Policy in operation.

The Meetings Administrator clarified that in accordance with the 2015 Ceremonial Functions and Civic Reception policy it stated that where there was a dispute, the matter was to be referred to the Protocol Committee as indicated by Councillor Stafford. She noted that as there was not agreement in full by all members on the motion, on this basis it would be referred to the Protocol Committee.

Resolved with five members voting in favour and three members abstaining, the report was noted and the motion was referred to the Protocol Committee in accordance with the 2015 Ceremonial Functions and Civic Reception policy.

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Item 32 on the agenda was taken next.

Item 32:

Update on Management Plan for the Curragh Plains

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy.



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Can the council provide an update on the management plan for the Curragh Plains including details of the erection of what appear to be cameras on the Curragh?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the members will be briefed on the Curragh Plains Draft Conservation Management Plan, once a suitable date has been agreed, prior to commencing second phase of public consultation which will focus on Interpretation, Wayfinding and Branding. This second phase of consultation will include a webinar and an online consultation, similar to that conducted in the initial stage. There will also be an in person public event in the coming weeks, date to be confirmed. The public will have the chance to comment on draft proposals for the Interpretation and Wayfinding Plan under this round of consultation.

With regard to the cameras recently erected, the Department of Defence have confirmed that they erected the cameras in question and that any queries in relation to the cameras should be directed to them.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy sought clarification on the date regarding the briefing was and if the council had been advised in advance regarding the cameras. Mr K Kavanagh advised that he would seek clarification from the District Manager regarding these queries. The report was noted.

KN28/0622

Item 25 on the agenda was taken next.

Item 25:

Red House Development as Accommodation

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heavey. That the council inform the members of the issues, to include copies of any documentation prepared, that precludes the former Red House Development from being brought forward to make this building a suitable functioning residence as part of the solution to the current



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housing emergency in this Municipal District, in light of the agreed national policy to restore vacant and derelict buildings for accommodation purposes.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor Noel Connolly.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that this property is currently in private ownership and would require the agreement of the owners to bringing forward the building as a functioning residence which would be suitable for the purpose set out. No documentation is in existence in the Housing Department precluding the building being brought forward for this purpose, but it is likely that significant analysis and works may be required

It is also to be noted, that Kildare County Council have included this property on its submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with respect to the provision of accommodation for families displaced from the Ukraine.

The council are awaiting further direction in relation to this but note that any intervention in this regard will also require agreement of the owners as well as a detailed assessment in terms of its suitability and funding for works that maybe required and agreed with all stakeholders.

Councillor Heavey stated he was aware that there were fire safety issues related to the development and asked if there were implications on this basis on its suitability for use in any format.

Mr O Brady noted that the Housing Department had nothing further to add to their report, as the issues now raised related to fire safety. The Meetings Administrator stated a query would issue to Building and Development Control in relation to the fire safety query raised.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor Noel Connolly the report was noted.



KN29/0622

St Conleth's Cemetery Newbridge Car Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer. Can the council confirm if St Conleth's Cemetery Newbridge car park will be sufficient in size to facilitate the number of cars which need parking facilities to attend funerals following the upgrade?

A report was received from the Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that plans for the proposed upgrade of the cemetery carpark to include resurfacing and lining are currently on hold pending the completion of the adjoining roadworks by Glenveagh which, in turn will involve the loss of 1.2 metres of road frontage. At this point, pending more detailed assessment /design, this will likely result in the loss of circa 10 spaces [there are currently 46 spaces approx.]. Experience to date would suggest that the existing carpark has been adequate. This will now have to be reviewed in light of the expected loss of spaces.

The report was noted.

KN30/0622

Sewerage Capacity in the towns of Monasterevin and Rathangan

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Noel Connolly. Can the council confirm if there are plans or are aware of any plans to expand the sewerage capacity in the towns of Monasterevin and Rathangan?

A report was received from the Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that please be aware that this question is a matter for IW strategic delivery. Any queries should be addressed to Irish water via the dedicated Irish Water Local Representatives email or phone line, the details of which are below;

Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

Ph: 0818 178178 or 01 7072854.

The report was noted.



KN31/0622

Works on the Building at the Cross Keys, Kildangan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Duffy.

That the council undertake emergency repair works on the council owned building at the Cross Keys, Kildangan to prevent debris falling from the building.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that an inspection will be undertaken to assess any repair works that may need to be carried out to this building to prevent debris falling from the building.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

KN32/0622

Invitation to Bruce Springsteen

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Stafford.

That this council issue an invitation to Bruce Springsteen to visit his ancestral birthplace of Rathangan during the occasion of his Irish tour in May 2023.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Noel Connolly.

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Stafford noted that an invitation had issued previously to Bruce Springsteen in 2016. He stated it was believed that Springsteen's great, great grandmother hailed from Rathangan and that there were ancestral families of Geraghty and Kelly dating back to the 1850s. Mr Springsteen could be invited to meet with the County Kildare genealogy expert and possibly plant a beech tree in Rathangan.



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Councillor Stafford stated that an appropriate wording needed to be considered for the invitation and once agreed, a well constructed letter to peak his interest could then issue and that the letter needed to issue to Mr Springsteen's agent and his concert promoters.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Noel Connolly that the report be noted and the members revert with a wording to use in the correspondence to issue.

KN33/0622

Bins at The Pound, Rathangan and at Tannery Park/Playground

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Anne Connolly. Can the council confirm if there are any plans to reinstate the two waste bins at The Pound, Rathangan and the two waste bins at Tannery Park/Playground, Rathangan?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there has been ongoing issues with the vandalism of bins in Tannery Park. A number of the bins have been burned or thrown in the river. We have replaced and repaired these on numerous occasions. The last vandalism involved the depositing of a bin in the river within 48 hours of it being removed from the river and repaired. There are no plans to replace this. The Parks Section did not remove or install any bins in The Pound and there are no plans to reinstate them.

The report was noted.

KN34/0622

Changing Places Facilities

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer. Can the council provide an approximate date for when the Changing Places facilities being installed in K Leisure, Newbridge for use by the public, will be completed?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the installation of the Changing Places facilities is near completion. There is some snagging and staff training to be completed. The council expect the project to be signed off by the project engineer and ready for use in July 2022.



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The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.